



**ZONING ORDINANCE**  
**DIVISION 708**  
**DISTRICT STANDARDS AND PERMITTED USES**

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**708.27 HI, Heavy Industrial**

A. Purpose and Intent.

The HI district is intended to provide suitable areas for major manufacturing processing, warehousing and research facilities which require open storage and large amounts of land. Typical heavy industrial uses include manufacturing, chemical manufacturing and storage, petrochemical refining and storage, mining and other land uses which may affect the environment. These districts should have access to major streets and utilities and discourage uses which are incompatible. When located on the perimeter of an industrial node, the HI district should provide for uses that are lower in intensity and scale to ensure compatibility with adjacent properties.

B. Permitted Uses.

1. Agriculture and forestry, provided:
  - a) All buildings used for livestock shall be set back not less than 200 feet from any property line.
  - b) All animals shall be maintained at least 100 feet from any property line.
  - c) Livestock and poultry uses are not permitted on lots containing less than 2 acres.
  - d) Abattoirs and hatcheries shall be located at least 300 feet from any property zoned for residential use.
2. Private parks and playgrounds.
3. Community fairs.
4. Farmers' markets.
5. Helicopter landing areas. Minimum one acre. Must be enclosed by a fence no less than 8 feet in height.
6. Administrative and distribution offices including contractor's offices. All outdoor storage must be screened with an opaque fence no less than eight feet in height and at least 50 feet from any property zoned or used for residential purposes and 25 feet from City right-of-way.
7. Dry cleaning plants.
  - a) Such use shall be at least 300 feet from any property zoned or used for residential purposes.
  - b) All applicable state, federal and local codes must be complied with.
8. Commercial greenhouse or plant nursery.
10. Places of assembly.
11. Office service and supply facilities (non-retail).
12. Vocational schools.
13. Research laboratories including medical and dental labs.
14. Public buildings and utilities.
15. Ambulance services.
16. Outdoor storage facilities shall be permitted in compliance with section 710.07.
  - a) Such use shall be enclosed by an opaque wall or fence no less than 8 feet in height which provides continuous visual screening.
  - b) No repair or other such activity shall be conducted.
  - c) Such use shall be at least 50 feet from any property zoned or used for residential purposes.
17. Exterminating facilities.
18. Farm and garden supply stores, including nurseries and greenhouses. Outdoor storage shall be at least 50 feet from any property zoned or used for residential purposes.
19. Fuel and ice dealers.
20. Rail yards. Minimum 10 acres.



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21. Rail, bus and transit stations.
22. Heavy repair services and trade shops, including sheet metal, upholstering, plumbing, carpentry, sign painting and other similar activities.
23. Recycling collection centers. Outdoor storage shall be in compliance with section 710.07.
24. Taxi stands and dispatching agencies.
25. Automobile, trailer and boat sales/service. Minimum one acre lot size.
  - a) Minimum one acre lot size.
  - b) All vehicles shall be set back at least 10 feet from the street right-of-way line.
  - c) Such use shall be located at least 50 feet from any properties zoned for residential purposes.
  - d) A solid fence or wall no less than six feet in height shall be maintained to provide a visual screening between the residential and commercial properties.
27. Funeral homes. All structures shall be located and activities conducted at least 100 feet from any property zoned for residential purposes.
28. Newspaper publishing facilities.
29. Warehousing.
30. Outdoor advertising services. Includes the construction, repair, and maintenance of outdoor advertising signs. All non-storage activities shall be conducted within an enclosed building.
31. Printing services.
32. Radio and television studio facilities.
33. Assembly and fabrication.
34. Parking lots and garages.
35. Automobile service stations.
  - a) All gasoline pumps, tanks and other service facilities shall be set back at least 20 feet from all property lines.
  - b) Canopies over fuel islands shall not encroach within 15 feet of any property line.
  - c) Minor automobile repair shall be allowed in conjunction with such use provided all such activities shall take place within an enclosed building.
  - d) No outside storage or engine/body dismantling is allowed.
36. Car maintenance facilities such as brake repair, installation of tires, tune-up shops, oil change services, emission stations and the like.
  - a) All activities shall take place within an enclosed building.
  - b) No outside storage or engine/body dismantling is allowed.
37. Automotive repair shops (including paint and body).
  - a) Such use shall not be permitted within 50 feet of any property used for a school, park, playground or hospital.
  - b) All activities shall be carried on entirely within an enclosed building.
  - c) Such use shall not be established on a lot which is adjacent to or directly across the street from any single family residential district.
  - d) All outdoor storage must be to the rear of the principal structure and enclosed by an opaque fence no less than 8 feet in height.
38. Wholesale trade and distribution facilities, including office showrooms and display areas.
39. Coliseum, stadium. 5 acre minimum lot size.
40. Manufacturing establishments involving the conversion of raw materials into useable finished products, provided that any manufacturing process which generates liquid waste complies with all local, state and federal pollution standards.
41. Tire retreading and recapping.
42. Drive-in movie theater.



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- a) The theater screen and all buildings shall be set back at least 50 feet from any property line.
  - b) Central loudspeakers are prohibited.
  - c) The theater screen shall not be visible from an interstate or arterial roadway.
  - 44. Animal hospitals, kennels and veterinary clinics.
    - a) All structures shall be located and activities conducted at least 100 feet from any property zoned for residential purposes.
    - b) All animals shall be located within an enclosed building and adequate sound and odor control shall be maintained.
  - 45. Animal grooming shops. All structures shall be located and activities conducted at least 100 feet from any property zoned for residential purposes.
  - 46. Carwashes.
  - 47. Commercial recreation and entertainment facilities. All activities must take place in a wholly enclosed building.
  - 50. Other uses which are substantially similar in character and impact to those uses enumerated above. Such uses must clearly meet the purpose and intent of this zoning district.
  - 51. Accessory uses and structures incidental to any legal permitted use, provided:
    - a) Retail sales and services must be conducted and accessed wholly within the building(s) housing the use to which the activities are accessory and comprise no more than 10% of the gross floor area.
    - b) No show window or other advertising shall be visible from the exterior of the primary use structure.
  - C. Temporary/Conditional Uses Allowed by the Director.  
Not applicable in this district.
  - D. Special Uses Permitted by Board of Zoning Appeals.  
Not applicable in this district.
  - E. Special Uses Permitted by City Council.
    - 1. Adult entertainment (see standards set forth in Section 8-20-140).
    - 2. Asphalt or concrete plants.
    - 3. Automobile salvaging and wrecking yards.
    - 4. Automobile storage yards and wrecker services for damaged or confiscated vehicles.
      - a) Such use shall not be permitted within 50 feet of any property used for a school, park, playground or hospital.
      - b) Such use shall not be established on a lot which is adjacent to or directly across the street from any single family residential district.
      - c) All outdoor storage must be to the rear of the principal structure and enclosed by an opaque fence no less than 8 feet in height.
    - 5. Chipping, grinding, or reduction of materials, stumps, trees, limbs, construction debris, glass, concrete, asphalt, rock, etc.
    - 6. Composting facilities.
    - 7. Indoor BB/air rifle shooting ranges operated by educational, civic or non-profit organizations (see standards set forth in Section 712.01).
      - a) All activities must take place in a wholly enclosed building with walls constructed of brick, concrete or masonry.



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- b) No weapons other than BB/ air rifles with a caliber of .177 or less, and a muzzle velocity of no more than 450 feet per second shall be allowed.
  - 8. Petroleum and petrochemical refining and storage. All structures (excluding offices) shall be located at least 100 feet from any property line and 200 feet from any residentially zoned or used property.
  - 9. Private landfills.
  - 10. Mining (quarries).
    - a) The extraction of dirt, sand or soil shall not be established within 500 feet of a residential use or 200 feet of any other use.
    - b) The extraction of rock and gravel shall not be established within 4,000 feet of a residential use or 2,000 feet of any other use.
    - c) The removal area shall be enclosed by a fence no less than 8 feet in height to prevent access by the general public. This fence shall be locked during non-business hours.
  - 11. Recovered materials (recycling) processing facilities.
  - 12. Scrap metal, iron or steel collection/recovery.
  - 13. Scrap yards or junk yards.
  - 14. Telecommunications facilities (see standards set forth in Section 712.07).
  - 15. Trash or garbage handling, hauling or disposal facilities or any use associated with these uses.
  - 16. Truck stops/refueling stations.
  - 17. Truck terminals. Minimum 5 acres. All structures shall be located and activities conducted (including parking) at least 300 feet from any property zoned for residential purposes.
  - 18. Used or discarded tire storage/disposal facilities.
  - 19. Waste materials handling and recovery facilities. The following standards shall apply to all new facilities and the expansion of existing waste transfer stations.
    - a) Minimum 5 acre lot size.
    - b) All structures shall be located at least 1500 feet from residential zoning districts and at least 1000 feet from commercial zoning districts.
    - c) A landscaped strip no less than 10 feet wide shall be required around all property lines which do not abut properties zoned for industrial use. Such strip shall include one tree spaced evenly each 20 linear feet.
    - d) A solid fence or wall no less than six feet in height shall be erected and maintained along all property lines except those abutting public right-of-ways. Said fence shall be located behind the required landscape strip.
    - e) Parking areas for trucks and trailers shall be located at least 50 feet from any property line and 750 feet from any residentially zoned property. All trucks and trailers containing stored waste materials shall park at least 100 feet from any property line and 1500 feet from any residentially zoned property.
    - f) Vehicular access shall only be from a collector street unless otherwise approved by City Council.
    - g) Stored materials shall be contained in such a manner as to prevent the blowing of any materials onto any surrounding property or roadway.
    - h) No such use shall be established within 500 feet of Cobb Parkway, Roswell Street, SR 120 Loop or Powder Springs Street.



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F. Accessory Structures.

1. All such structures shall be located upon the same lot and to the side or rear of the principal use at least 15 feet from side or rear lot lines. In cases of corner lots, the accessory structure may not be closer to any right-of-way than the principal building.
2. Any accessory building in excess of 2,000 square feet of gross space must meet the setback standards for a principal use and shall be architecturally compatible with the principal structure.
3. When an accessory building is attached to the principal building in any manner, it shall be deemed part of the principal structure and subject to all bulk and area requirements of same.
4. No accessory structure shall be constructed upon a lot before the principal structure.
5. No accessory structure may exceed the more restrictive of either 20 feet or the height of the principal building.
6. Swimming pools must be enclosed by a fence not less than 4 feet in height with a self-closing, self-latching gate and must comply with all applicable safety and health ordinances.
7. Heating and air conditioning units may encroach 5 feet into the required rear or side setback.

G. Use Limitations.

1. All outside storage areas must be located in the rear yard and must be screened by an opaque fence no less than eight feet in height.
2. Building design and materials may be of the developer's choosing; however, structures which utilize metal siding shall be constructed with brick, stone, rock or wood covering any facade of the building facing a roadway.

H. Bulk and Area Regulations.

Minimum Lot Size:	40,000 sq. ft.
Minimum Lot Width:	150 ft.
Maximum Building Height:	50 ft.
Maximum Floor Area Ratio:	1.0
Maximum Impervious Surface:	85%
Front Setback (arterial):	75 ft.
Front Setback (collector):	50 ft.
Front Setback (local):	50 ft.
Side Setback (major):	50 ft.
Side Setback (minor):	20 ft.
Rear Setback:	40 ft.

I. Landscape and Buffer Requirements.

When an HI district directly abuts any residential district, a 50-foot buffer shall be established (see standards set forth in Section 710.05). All loading docks shall be screened by either landscaping or a stabilized berm.

(Ord. No. 6104, 3/8/2000, Sec 1; Ord. No 6534, 7/9/2003, Sec. 19; Ord. No. 6737, 10/13/2004, Sec. 19; Ord. No. 6753, 11/10/2004, Sec. 15; Ord. No. 7232, 09/10/2008)